



National Security Speaker Series

Immo Stabreit

"A European View of the Iraq Imbroglio"

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Dr. Immo Stabreit was born on 24 January 1933 in Rathenow/Havel in Germany. He grew up in Berlin and in 1951 he joined the junior class at Princeton College, where he majored in history as well as French and Spanish. He graduated (B.A. high honours) in 1953. This was followed by legal studies at the Free University of Berlin from 1953 to 1957, simultaneously working as a language teacher at the U.S. Army Education Center in Berlin.

During the period from 1957 to 1962 he underwent legal training as a junior attorney while, at the same time, continuing his legal studies at Heidelberg University. In 1962 he passed the state examination, admitting him to the bar. He entered the Foreign Service of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1962, spending the year 1962/1963 as attaché at the German Embassy in Moscow. This was followed by a tour of duty with the Foreign Office at Bonn, where he served from 1964 to 1966 on the Soviet desk. In 1964 he was awarded his Doctor of Laws (LL.D) degree by Heidelberg University.

Dr. Stabreit was assigned to the German Embassy, political section, in Moscow from 1966 to 1971, followed by another tour of duty with the Foreign Office at Bonn, from 1971 to 1974 as Deputy Director, Soviet Affairs.

From 1974 to 1975, Ambassador Stabreit attended Harvard University's advanced studies program of the Center for International Affairs. Upon completion, he held the position of Division Head at the International Energy Agency at Paris from 1975 to 1978, where he was in charge of European Political Cooperation and European Unification.

In 1983, he was called into the Federal Chancellery, where he served as Deputy Director General in charge of Foreign Affairs under Chancellor Kohl until 1987. In 1987 he was assigned to the post of Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa in South Africa (Pretoria/Cape town).

On 2 September, 1992, Dr. Stabreit took up his duties as German Ambassador to the United States of America in Washington D.C. From 1995 to July 1998, he served as German Ambassador to the French Republic. He retired in 1998 and subsequently served as Executive Vice-President of the German Council on Foreign Relations until 2002.

*R.S.V.P. to [Ann Powers](#) if you plan to attend this event.